

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 19 are pending in the application. The Examiner allowed claims 7-11 and 19, objected to claims 5 and 18, and rejected claims 1-4, 6, and 12-17.

Claim Objections

On page 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 5 and 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability, and has amended these claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicant believes that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. This amendment does not necessitate a new search and places the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant requests entry of this amendment.

Conclusion

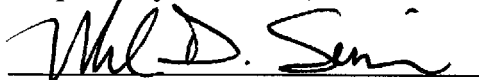
The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

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